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Grand Teton National Park Fire Management: Interdivisional Cooperation

To improve internal communication and collaborative efforts, the Grand Teton National Park Fire Management staff has stepped up the dialogue between divisions to foster partnerships within the park community.

Fire Management personnel met this spring with representatives from the park's cultural resource and science and resource management programs. Though Grand Teton National Park fire staff routinely work with other divisions to ensure program goals and objectives are compatible, this spring meeting was an unprecedented roundtable discussion of specific areas of the fire management program. The information sharing session, also attended by officials from the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Wyoming Game & Fish, included presentations on fire effects monitoring results, fire severity mapping, and projects for 2002. This format allowed for issues, concerns, and proposed changes to be discussed in an interdivisional setting, thus enhancing internal communications and cooperation.

The Fire Management Office also increased participation in seasonal training for the park's naturalist staff this month. In addition to a program overview presented by fire staff, the park's Fire Education and Information Specialist developed comprehensive packets with fire education and fire ecology literature and web site recommendations to assist the interpretive staff with fire ecology program development. Several of the park's interpretive staff have expressed interest in presenting fire ecology evening programs this summer, and many of the naturalists focus on fire as they conduct interpretive walks that take park visitors through previous burn sites.



Botany training for the park naturalist staff included fire ecology and fire effects facts.



Prescribed Fire Technician Mack McFarland presents a fire program overview to the park naturalist staff.